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1. ALEXANDRIA GOVERNOR ABDUL TAWAB HODEIB IS NOW MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS OF AT LEAST LIMITED AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR ALEXANDRIA (REFTEL). SINCE MY LAST DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WITH HIM, HE HAS HAD FURTHER MEETINGS WITH DEFENCE AND OTHER CONCERNED MINISTRIES AND NOW HAS GO-AHEAD TO UTILIZE PART OF NOUZHA AIRPORT FOR CIVILIAN AIR SERVICE.

2. HE HAS MET WITH MILITARY BASE COMMANDANT WHO HAS TOLD HIM EXISTING BUILDINGS NOT SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER TERMINAL BUT HAS PROMISED EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY TERMINAL. GOVERNOR IS CONFIDENT LIMITED SERVICE, AT LEAST A CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA SHUTTLE, CAN BEGIN "IN TWO OR THREE MONTHS." COMMENT - PROBABLY MAJOR SPUR FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT IS INCREASING USE OF ALEXANDRIA AS "SUMMER CAPITAL" BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND THEREFORE MUCH COMING AND GOING OF HIGH LEVEL GOE PERSONNEL AND VIP VISITORS DURING SUMMER MONTHS.

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3. GOVERNOR WAS LESS SANGUINE ON EARLY START OF CONSTRUCTION

FOR ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH
SUCH PROJECT IS IN NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN, FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION
HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM 1976 GOE ALLOTMENTS TO ALEXANDRIA.
HE SAYS CONSTRUCTION "MAY" START NEXT YEAR.
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